various financial institutions;

(b) what steps are proposed to ensure that personal property and savings are not seized by financial institutions from technocrats and entrepreneurs whose units have failed;

(c) what measures Government propose to take to give some relief to such entrepreneurs and technocrats; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (d) The assistance to technocrat entrepreneurs is provided with lower promoters' contribution *i.e.* at 17.5 per cent as against normal 22.5 per cent and in case there is any gap in promoters' contribution or equity, seed capital assistance in the form of soft loan is extended in eligible cases. Special attention is given during implementation and post-implementation stages. If such projects run into difficulties or show signs of sickness, need-based reliefs/concessions are given for rehabilitation. Only as a last resort, when all other measures for recovery of their dues fail, the SFCs invoke Section 29,31 and 32G of SFCs' Act (which is a Central Act). The units taken over by these institutions are handed over to the original promoter when there is one time settlement or agreement for rescheduling of the institutional dues. In case the original promoters do not settle the overdues to the Corporation, the assets are acquired by these Corporations and sold in public auctions and the proceeds realised thereof are adjusted against the dues of the institutions. In case there is still shortfall in the assets, the institutions would fall back on the collateral securities offered by the borrowing units.

Growth centres for Small Scale Industries

3165. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have planned to develop 16 mili-growth centres for smal scale industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what functions they are proposed to discharge and by when these centres would begin operating?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) A draft Scheme of Integrated Infrastructural Development (Including technological back-up services) for small scale industries in rural and backward areas has been prepared and included in the Eighth Five Year Plan (1992-97) proposals in pursuance of policy measures for promoting and strengthening small, tiny and village enterprises announced on 6th August, 1991. The draft Scheme is under finalisation in consultation with the concerned authorities in the Centre and State/U.T. Governments.

Phased manufacturing programme

3166. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have abolished the phased manufacturing programme;

(b) what are the incentives that are available to manufacturing units with existing phased manufacturing Programme; and

(c) whether the incentives would continue even after the abolition of Phased Manufacturing Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Under the new Industrial Policy, the system of Phased Manufacturing Programme (PMP) will not be applicable to new projects. However, existing projects with